IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 37 OF 2005

Joshi Suhas Purushottam,
Convict Prisoner No.716,
At Central Jail Aguada. ... Petitioner

versus

State of Goa through
Chief Secretary and
others. ... Respondents

Mr. S. Karpe, Amicus Curiae for the Petitioner.

Ms. W. Coutinho, Public Prosecutor for the Respondents.

CORAM : N. A. BRITTO, J.

DATE : 22ND DECEMBER,2005.

P.C.:-

Heard Mr. S. Karpe, the learned Amicus Curiae on behalf of the Petitioner and Ms. W. Coutinho, the learned Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondents.

The grievance of the Petitioner appears to be that due to medical problems which he suffers and also for other reasons

he is unable to watch the T.V. and other radio programmes and, therefore, desires that he be allowed to use a radio of his own with head phones. Further, it is his grievance that he has made two representations to the Inspector General of Prisons dated 20-4-2005 and 20-6-2005 in that regard which have not been considered. He has also referred to a Model Prison Manual which permits such facilities to be given to the prisoners.

Considering the grievances of the Petitioner, the Inspector General of Prisons is hereby directed to consider the applications filed by the prisoner dated 20-4-2005 and 20-6-2005 in accordance with the Rules in force and after verifying the health problems of the Petitioner which the Petitioner claims he suffers and on that count he is unable to listen to the radio and watch the T.V. along with other prisoners. The applications are to be considered within a period of three weeks and to be informed to the Petitioner accordingly.

With the above observations, the Petition is disposed of.

N. A. BRITTO, J.

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